

January 18, 2026

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Catholic Communities of

St. Mary's Holy Family and St. James

#### Parish Contact Information



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**Fr. Doug's weekly day off is Wednesday**

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The **Diocesan Misconduct Advisory Team** has been established for action related to complaints of misconduct or sexual abuse. The Misconduct reporting telephone number is 902-892-1252.

#### Mass Intentions are welcome

There are Mass cards for this purpose on the usher's table. Cards may be given directly to Fr. Doug, mailed to the parish, or put in with the collection and Lorraine or Joanne will see that Fr. Doug receives the request.

**Saturday Mass at St. James at 4PM Saturday, Jan. 17/26**

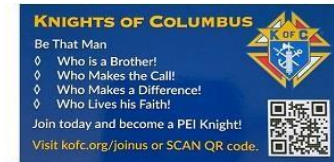
**Sunday Mass Intentions: Sunday, January 18, 2026**

9:00am Holy Family – Aucoin, Negus, Keirstead & Byer Families

10:30am **Prayer for Christian Unity** at the United Church, Kensington, School Street All Welcome!

**January 19-23, 2026,** Mass at Holy Family Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 9am at Holy Family.

**Weekday Mass** is cancelled if there is a funeral.  
**Confessions** before/after weekday Mass or by appointment.



Knights meet at Holy Family Church on the **first Monday** of the month at 7:00pm with Mass at 6:30pm.



CWL meets at Holy Family Church on the **second Tuesday** of the month at 7:00pm with Mass at 6:30pm  
All women 18+ welcome.

#### Sunday, January 18, 2026

**Lectors:** Kian Gill, Madison Thorne, Caillie Crozier

**Eucharistic Minister:** Marion Curley

**Welcoming Ministry:** Joel Woods, Ethan Crozier

**Usher:** Jase MacDougall, Joel Woods

#### Sunday, January 25, 2026

**Lector:** Paula Aylward

**Eucharistic Minister:** Audrey Glover

**Welcoming Ministry:** Denise Jakubiak

**Usher:** Gilbert Arsenault

#### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

**ST. JAMES PARISH: \$460.00**

**ST. MARY'S HOLY FAMILY PARISH: \$1,195.00 cash Direct Deposit \$75.00**



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## Parish and Community News

#### Thank-You

Sincere thanks to Donnie Moase for donating his time and talents in making a new cover for the heat pump at the Rectory. Donnie had made a cover previously; however, we needed a new heat pump, and the original cover was too small. Donnie donated the new cover to the parish. We appreciate your generosity.

**\*\*\*NO MASS AT ST. JAMES SUNDAY MORNING, JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>\*\*\*** The week of Prayer for Christian Unity will hold their common worship service at Kensington United Church, School Street at 10:30am (next to St. Mary's-Holy Family Church). This is sponsored by the Kensington and Area Christian Council. All are welcome. Let's meet and pray together.

**Parish Enhancement Program Donation** Our parish community gratefully acknowledges the generous donation received from **St. Dunstan's University Board of Governors** through their *Parish Enhancement Program*. This funding supports parish initiatives such as faith formation, youth formation, catechetics, music ministry, and men's and women's groups.

We thank St. Dunstan's University for their continued commitment to strengthening parish life. Projects to be supported by this funding will be identified during 2026.

**Synod Group** Our Synod Group will be continuing to meet in the New Year 2026, on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm in St. Mary's Holy Family Church. All parishioners from St. James and St. Mary's Holy Family are invited and very welcome, as always! Our first meetings will focus on Pope Francis's Final Synod Document which is now part of the Magisterium and has Pope Leo's approval. The document is available in the vestry at Holy Family. Please feel free to come, even if you haven't done the reading. You will still enjoy the evening!

**Confirmation Class News** "Mass as Class" On January 18, 2026, the students will participate in most Ministries during the 9AM Mass.

January 25, 2026, Class will be held at 10:00AM at Holy Family.

## News from the Diocese

**Recovery Rosary** offers 5 weekly Monday sessions beginning **January 19** from 2:00-3:30 pm on the **5 Luminous Mysteries** (Baptism of Jesus, Marriage feast of Cana, Proclamation of the Kingdom, Transfiguration, Eucharist). These sessions will be held at Martha Spirituality Centre, located at SDU Place on Great George St. and include Scripture and personal reflections from a perspective of addiction recovery and Catholic tradition. Register at [srgemma@eastlink.ca](mailto:srgemma@eastlink.ca).

**Lectio Divina**, which means divine reading, offers weekly Thursday morning sessions on Zoom beginning **January 15** from 10:30-11:45 am to reflect upon the upcoming Sunday Gospel. Sessions are offered through Martha Spirituality Centre. Register [drjoancsm@gmail.com](mailto:drjoancsm@gmail.com).

**Martha Spirituality Centre offering: Christian Meditation**, the prayer of the heart, opens us to the presence of God in silence and stillness. Sessions are held on Tuesdays on Zoom beginning on **January 13** from 7:00-7:45 pm Register at [karenvogapei@gmail.com](mailto:karenvogapei@gmail.com).

**In-person program at Martha Spirituality Centre, located at SDU Place on Great George Street, Charlottetown: a Book Study of "Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul"** by Phillip Newell will take place every second and fourth Wednesday from 1:00-3:00 pm beginning on **January 14**. Group size is limited so register early at [srgemma@eastlink.ca](mailto:srgemma@eastlink.ca).

**Mindfulness Meditation sessions** will be held at Martha Spirituality Centre at SDU Place on Great George Street, Charlottetown on Thursdays, January 15 and 22 from 1:30-3:30. These sessions are for beginner meditators. Register [srgemma@eastlink.ca](mailto:srgemma@eastlink.ca).

**"Is Our Blessed Mother Calling You?" Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Spiritual Chaplain Father Danny Wilson, March 16th to 27th:** Group Leaders are Rhonda-Lynn Cormier and Lori Currie. Cost: \$3,299.00 - including airfare and all airport taxes from Halifax (flights from other airports and the USA can be arranged with adjusted pricing), twin accommodation, daily breakfast and dinner, a professional local guide. Single room supplement: \$350.00 if available. For bookings or more information, please contact Rhonda-Lynn at 902-448-3660.

**The annual General Retreat at Our lady of Hope Retreat will be held from Friday, January 30th until Sunday, February 1st with retreat master Father Eric Dunn.** This year's theme is "The Sacraments." For more information or to register, contact Martin or Earla at The Centre at 902-621-2385 or [ourladyofhope@dioceseofcharlottetown.com](mailto:ourladyofhope@dioceseofcharlottetown.com).

**Theology on Tap returns!** The UPEI Department of Religious Studies is proud to present the return of the popular **Theology on Tap series.** Join us at 7:00 on **January 28th** at the Salvador Dali Café in Charlottetown for our first event, with speaker Sr. Dr. Libby Osgood, CND. For updates, follow us on **Facebook** at **Theology on Tap PEI.**

**Calling all puzzle enthusiasts!** Join us for our **Gently Used Puzzle Sale** on Saturday, **January 24th from 10 am -2 pm** at St Francis of Assisi Parish Hall in Cornwall. Come and find your next challenge for a wintry day! We will gratefully accept donations of puzzles up until Friday, January 23rd. All proceeds from the sale will support parish activities.

**FEAST OF THE SANTO NIÑO CELEBRATION.** Join the Filipino Community Mass on **January 25 at 3:00 p.m.** at **Holy Redeemer Church** as we celebrate the Feast of the Santo Niño. Everyone is warmly invited to attend and celebrate together.

## Reflection

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Once more we are reminded of the baptism of our Lord which was the curtain-raiser to his earthly ministry. It began his mission of gathering all people into the one family of God and leading them back to his Father. Jesus went about doing good, touching human lives, healing people, freeing them from the darkness of sin and directly them to lives worthy of their calling. We too have been chosen to continue this saving work which Christ began and to be part of this mission in the world we live in. At the moment of our baptism the seed of God's life was planted within us. That grace-filled day was but the start of our conversion. It takes a lifetime for that seed of God's love to grow, mature and blossom. The only home for a Christian to live in is Christ and we should settle for nothing less. If we are to enter into this new and exciting experience as members of God's family, we much have a clear idea of what kind of family we are meant to be. To follow the way traced out by Christ, who is our bother, demands a loving personal response on our part. Baptism is a dedication of self to the call of Jesus who went about doing good.

**Fr. Doug**